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Michael Powell, FCC Chair
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. S.W., Washington, DC 20554

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Dear Mr. Powell:

It has recently come to our attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering elimination of the regulation that prohibits a company from owning multiple types of media such as newspapers and television networks in particular. That would be a grave mistake for this great country. If radio, TV and newspapers were owned by just a few companies the next step would be more mergers and we could have only one media company! It's essential that the FCC have regulations that ensure good media competition so that citizens will have the opportunity to read, see and hear all views.

We get very little variety in the news now; please do not contribute to a further erosion of diversity in the media.

Sincerely,


Ival Secrest


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CC: Senator Ron Wyden
Senator Gordon Smith
Representative Earl Blumenauer